

## **Aquaculture Management Program**

in Federal Waters of the Pacific Islands Region

Aquaculture Programmatic EIS

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## **Purpose & Need**

The purpose of the action is to establish a regional management program to ensure environmentally sound and economically sustainable aquaculture in *Federal waters* of the *Pacific Islands Region*.





## **Components of Program Alternatives**

- Permit Requirements, Eligibility, and Transferability
- Application Requirements, Operational Requirements and Restrictions
- Duration of Permits
- Allowable Marine Aquaculture Systems
- Siting Requirements and Restrictions
- Allowable Species
- Recordkeeping and Reporting
- Framework Regulatory Procedures
- Program Capacity



## **NEPA Steps & Tentative Schedule**

Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)

> \*Scoping 60-day Comment Period

> Analysis of Alternatives

\*Draft PEIS Issued Available for 60-day Public Review

\*Possible Public Meetings on Draft PEIS

Public Comment Review and Synthesis Comment Analysis Report Available

Responses to Comments/Prepare Final PEIS

Selection of Preferred Alternative

\*Final PEIS Issued Available for 30-day "cooling-off" Period

Record of Decision Public Statements of Agency Decisions **August 23, 2016** 

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**December 2017** 

**Summer 2018** 

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